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Plaintiff or Attorney for Plaintiff		
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – LOS ANGELES		
In re:		
	CASE NO.: 2:17-bk-11972-RK	
Beverly Monique Murray-Calcote	CHAPTER: 7	
Debtor(s).	ADVERSARY NUMBER: 2:17-ap-01487-RK	
United States Trustee (LA)		
Plaintiff(s)  Versus  Beverly Monique Murray-Calcote	SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE IN ADVERSARY PROCEEDING [LBR 7004-1]	
Defendant(s)		

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): A Complaint has been filed by the Plaintiff against you. If you wish to defend against the Complaint, you must file with the court a written pleading in response to the Complaint. You must also serve a copy of your written response on the party shown in the upper left—hand corner of this page. The deadline to file and serve a written response is 10/30/2017. If you do not timely file and serve the response, the court may enter a judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

A status conference in the adversary proceeding commenced by the Complaint has been set for:

Date:

November 28, 2017

Time:

01:30 PM

Hearing Judge:

Robert N. Kwan

Location:

255 E Temple St., Crtrm 1675, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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You must comply with LBR 7016–1, which requires you to file a joint status report and to appear at a status conference. All parties must read and comply with the rule, even if you are representing yourself. You must cooperate with the other parties in the case and file a joint status report with the court and serve it on the appropriate parties at least 14 days before a status conference. A court–approved joint status report form is available on the court's website (LBR form F 7016–1.STATUS.REPORT) with an attachment for additional parties if necessary (LBR form F 7016–1.STATUS.REPORT.ATTACH). If the other parties do not cooperate in filing a joint status report, you still must file with the court a unilateral status report and the accompanying required declaration instead of a joint status report 7 days before the status conference. The court may fine you or impose other sanctions if you do not file a status report. The court may also fine you or impose other sanctions if you fail to appear at a status conference.

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Date of Issuance of Summons and Notice of Status Conference in Adversary Proceeding: September 28, 2017

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FORM B104 (08/07)

2007 USBC, Central District of California

ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHE (Instructions on Page 2)	ET ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER (Court Use Only)	
PLAINTIFFS U.S. TRUSTEE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, REGION 16	DEFENDANTS BEVERLY MONIQUE MURRAY-CALCOTE	
ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.) Kenneth G. Lau, Office of the United States Trustee, 915 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1850, Los Angeles, CA 90017-3560, (213) 894-4480	ATTORNEYS (If Known) Julie J Villalobos, Oaktree Law, 10900 183rd St Ste 270, Cerritos CA 90703, (562) 741-3938	
PARTY (Check One Box Only)  □ Debtor  ☑ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin  □ Creditor  □ Other	PARTY (Check One Box Only)  ☑ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin □ Creditor □ Other	
□ Trustee	□ Trustee	
CAUSE OF ACTION (WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE OF ACCOMPlaint for Denial of Debtor's Discharge Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §  NATURE  (Number up to five (5) boxes starting with lead cause of action as	§ 727(a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4) and (a)(5)  OF SUIT	
FRBP 7001(1) - Recovery of Money/Property	FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability (continued)	
11-Recovery of money/property - §542 turnover of property	61-Dischargeability - §523(a)(5), domestic support	
12-Recovery of money/property - §547 preference	<ul> <li>68-Dischargeability - §523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury</li> <li>63-Dischargeability - §523(a)(8), student loan</li> <li>64-Dischargeability - §523(a)(15), divorce or separation oblig (other than domestic support)</li> <li>65-Dischargeability - other</li> </ul>	
13-Recovery of money/property - §548 fraudulent transfer		
☐ 14-Recovery of money/property - other		
FRBP 7001(2) – Validity, Priority or Extent of Lien	FRBP 7001(7) – Injunctive Relief	
21-Validity, priority or extent of lien or other interest in property	71-Injunctive relief – imposition of stay	
FRBP 7001(3) – Approval of Sale of Property	(h) FRBP 7001(8) Subordination of Claim or Interest  81-Subordination of claim or interest	
31-Approval of sale of property of estate and of a co-owner - §363(h)		
FRBP 7001(4) - Objection/Revocation of Discharge	- 31-Subordination of claim of interest	
¥1-Objection / revocation of discharge - §727(c),(d),(e)	FRBP 7001(9) Declaratory Judgment  91-Declaratory judgment	
FRBP 7001(5) – Revocation of Confirmation  51-Revocation of confirmation	FRBP 7001(10) Determination of Removed Action  01-Determination of removed claim or cause	
FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability		
66-Dischargeability - §523(a)(1),(14),(14A) priority tax claims	Other  SS-SIPA Case – 15 U.S.C. §§78aaa et.seq.	
62-Dischargeability - §523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation, actual fraud	02-Other (e.g. other actions that would have been brought in state	
67-Dischargeability - §523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny	court if unrelated to bankruptcy case)	
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BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES			
NAME OF DEBTOR		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO.	
BEVERLY MONIQUE MURRAY-CALCOTE		2:17-bk-11972RK	
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING	DIVISIONAL OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE	
Central District of California	Los Angeles	Kwan	
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)			
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.	
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDING	DIVISIONAL OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE	
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)			
<b>DATE</b> 9/27/17	KENNETH G LALL		

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 104, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 104 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and Defendents. Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

Demand. Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

**Signature.** This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not presented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

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8	8 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT		
9	9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - LOS ANGELES DIVISION		
10	In re:		) Case No.: 2:17-bk-11972 RK
11	BEVERLY MONIQUE CALCOTE,	JE MURRAY-	Chapter 7
12	Debtors		Adv. No.: 2:17-ap-01487 RK
13		·	) ) ) NOTICE OF REQUIRED COMPLIANCE
14 15	UNITED STATES TO CENTRAL DISTRIC REGION 16,	RUSTEE FOR THE CT OF CALIFORNIA,	WITH FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY
16	Plaintif	f,	) <u>Status Conference Date</u> :
17	VS.		) Date: ) Time: 10:00 a.m.
18	BEVERLY MONIQUE CALCOTE,	JE MURRAY-	Courtroom: 1675
19	Defend	ant.	)
20	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 7026-1, notice is hereby		
21	given that compliance with the above Local Bankruptcy Rule and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy		
22	Procedure 7026 is required in the above adversary matter as such proceeding is governed by Part		
23	VII of the Federal Rule	es of Bankruptcy Procedu	ure.
24	Dated: Septem	ber 27, 2017	Respectfully submitted,
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26			VENDUETH O. LAND
27			KENNETH G. LAU  Attorney for the United States Trustee
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9	CENTRAL DISTR	ICT OF CALIFORNIA		
10	LOS ANGELES DIVISION			
11	In re:	Case No.: 2:17-bk-11972 RK		
12	BEVERLY MONIQUE MURRAY-	Chapter 7		
13	Debtor(s).	Adv. No.: 2:17-ap-01487 RK		
14 15	UNITED STATES TRUSTEE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA,	COMPLAINT FOR DENIAL OF DISCHARGE PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4) and (a)(5)		
16	REGION 16,	(Status conference to be set by the Court – See		
17 18	Plaintiff(s), (vs.	summons)		
19	BEVERLY MONIOUE MURRAY-			
20	Defendant(s).			
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23	Plaintiff, United States Trustee for the Central District of California, Region 16, by the			
24	4 undersigned attorney, respectfully represents and alleges as follows:			
25	STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION AND VENUE			
26	1. This Court has jurisdiction over this adversary proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§			
27	157(a) and 1334, 11 U.S.C. § 727, and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure ("Bankruptcy Rule")			
28	7001(4). This adversary proceeding is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(J).			

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2. This adversary proceeding arises out of and relates to the now-pending Chapter 7 case of In re Beverly Monique Murray-Calcote, Case No. 2:17-bk-11972 RK, (the "instant case") which commenced by the filing of a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the United States Code on February 17, 2017. Therefore, venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1409.

3. The Bankruptcy Code at 11 U.S.C. § 727(c)(1) provides that the United States Trustee may object to the granting of a discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 727(a).

#### PARTIES TO THE ACTION

- 4. As of the commencement date of this action, Plaintiff is and was the United States Trustee for the Central District of California, Region 16 ("Plaintiff" or "U.S. Trustee").
- 5. Defendant and Debtor BEVERLY MONIQUE MURRAY-CALCOTE, (hereafter known as "Debtor" or "Defendant") is the petitioner in bankruptcy case no. 2:17-bk-11972 RK (the "instant case"), and her voluntary petition identifies her residence as 3166 West Ave M-2, Lancaster CA 93536 ("Lancaster Property"). Plaintiff will accordingly serve this complaint on Defendant at such residence address, as well as upon her present counsel of record, Julie J. Villalobos.

#### STATEMENT OF STANDING

6. Plaintiff, as the United States Trustee for the Central District of California, Region 16, has standing to bring this action under 11 U.S.C. §§ 307 and 727.

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 7. Plaintiff hereby incorporates paragraphs 1 through 6 inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.
- 8. On February 17, 2017, the Debtor filed a voluntary petition under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. Rosendo Gonzalez was subsequently appointed chapter 7 trustee ("Trustee") and he continues to serve in that capacity.
- The initial meeting of creditors under § 341(a) was held on March 24, 2017 (the 9. "Initial 341(a)"), so the initial bar date for filing a complaint under 11 U.S.C. § 727 and/or a motion to dismiss under 11 U.S.C. § 707(b) was May 23, 2017 (the "727 Deadline").

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- 10. The Debtor failed to respond to a written request on or about May 2, 2017 from Plaintiff to stipulate to a continuance of the 727 Deadline to allow the Trustee and the Plaintiff to timely complete their respective inquiries into the factual circumstances presented in the instant case. As a result, on or about May 15, 2017, the Trustee filed a motion to extend the 727 Deadline for both the Trustee and Plaintiff to September 29, 2017, which motion (Docket # 18) was granted by order entered on June 12, 2017 (Docket # 27).
  - 11. Therefore, this complaint is timely filed.
- 12. The Initial 341(a) examination has been continued a number of times for the Debtor's provision of additional information and the related production of additional documentation requested by the Trustee from March 24, 2017 to May 1, 2017, June 5, 2017, July 18, 2017, August 22, 2017 and presently to October 6, 2017. Despite this effort as well as the Debtor's filing of amended Schedules and Statement of Financial Affairs on July 13, 2017, to date, Plaintiff is informed and believes that the Debtor has failed to produce all requested documents in response to the express requests of the Trustee and his counsel of record.
- 13. Based upon information obtained during Plaintiff's investigation, Defendant's bankruptcy schedules and Statement of Financial Affairs (SOFA), filed on February 17, 2017, fail to disclose the interest held by the Debtor and/or her non-Debtor spouse in various assets, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. At least five (5) undisclosed corporations, wherein the Debtor and or her non-filing spouse were either officers or directors (the "Business Entities"), including "Hair

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Shortly after this, on or about June 16, 2017, Debtor-Defendant filed a <u>Substitution of Attorney</u>, Docket # 32, substituting in present counsel Villalobos in place of initial counsel Alon Darvish.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Defendant was listed as a "co-occupant" at this property in August 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>This is an undisclosed personal injury lawsuit brought by Defendant, stemming from injuries allegedly sustained by Defendant in a pre-petition February 27, 2015 car accident, filed by Defendant less than one week after commencing the instant bankruptcy case.

### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF [Intentional Transfer and Concealment of Debtor's Property or Property of the Estate

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in Violation of 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(2)(A) and (B)

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15. Plaintiff hereby realleges and incorporates by this reference each and every allegation contained in paragraph 1 through 14, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

Plaintiff alleges that Defendant, with intent to hinder, delay or defraud a creditor or

Plaintiff further alleges that Defendant, with intent to hinder, delay or defraud a

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creditor or officer of the estate charged with custody of property, transferred, removed, and/or concealed or permitted to be transferred, removed, and/or concealed, property of the estate after the commencement of the instant case filing. 18. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(2)(A), the Court shall not grant the debtor a

discharge if "the debtor, with intent to hinder, delay, or defraud a creditor or an officer of the estate

- charged with custody of property under this title, has transferred, removed, destroyed, mutilated, or concealed, or has permitted to be transferred, removed, destroyed, mutilated, or concealed—(A) property of the debtor, within one year before the date of the filing of the petition; or (B) property of the estate, after the date of the filing of the petition ...". 19. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant knowingly, intentionally, and fraudulently
- concealed, transferred and or removed, or permitted to be transferred, removed, and/or concealed at least \$85,000.00 in "other income" received from the Rives Trust as well as an undisclosed amount of income earned as a cosmetologist/hairstylist/ Manager at or with the "Hair Connection Plus" salon, or the proceeds thereof, until February 17, 2017, the instant case commencement date (the "Prepetition Transfers").
- 20. Defendant transferred these prepetition funds/assets to various parties, including herself and her non-debtor spouse, with the intent to hinder, delay, and to defraud creditors and officers of the estate (the Chapter 7 trustee and the U.S. Trustee) because she failed to list or

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- otherwise identify these transfers and/or gifts on her Schedules and SOFA, which were declared to be true and correct under penalty of perjury.
- 21. Plaintiff further alleges that Defendant intentionally and fraudulently concealed the existence of at least five (5) undisclosed corporations, wherein the Debtor and or her non-filing spouse were either officers or directors, including "Hair Connections Plus," "BSM Kicks, Inc." "Optimus Mortgage," "Coty Real Estate Group, Inc.," and "Saxxon & Associates Inc.", as well as at least two (2) pending lawsuits, Los Angeles Superior Court ("LASC") Case No. BC525376 and LASC Case No. BC651610, the latter a personal injury suit seeking damages for a February 2015 car accident, filed by Defendant less than a week after commencing the instant bankruptcy case.
- 22. Plaintiff further alleges that Defendant intentionally and fraudulently concealed her interest in and to the Rives Trust, including an interest in real property held in North Carolina, as well as at least three (3) Trust Bank Accounts held at Wells Fargo, for which Defendant is and was a signatory.
- 23. Therefore, Defendant intentionally and fraudulently transferred and concealed at least \$85,000 by transferring monies to herself, her non-debtor spouse, and undisclosed third parties in the months leading up to her bankruptcy filing, failing to acknowledge the existence of such assets on her initial and amended Schedules and statements, and falsely affirming, under penalty of perjury, that she did not make transfers within two years prior to her bankruptcy filing.
- 24. Accordingly, Defendant's discharge should be denied as a consequence of transferring, removing, and/or concealing property of the estate within one year prior to the bankruptcy filing with the intent to hinder, delay, and/or defraud creditors and officers of the estate pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(2)(A), as well as transferring, removing, and/or concealing property of the estate, after the date of the filing of the petition in violation of 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(2)(B).

#### SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### [Failure to Keep or Preserve Recorded Information under 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(3)]

25. Plaintiff hereby realleges and incorporates by this reference each and every allegation contained in paragraph 1 through 24, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

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26. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(3), the Court shall not grant the debtor a discharge if "the debtor has concealed, destroyed, mutilated, falsified, or failed to keep or preserve any recorded information, including books, documents, records, and papers, from which the debtor's financial condition or business transactions might be ascertained, unless such act or failure to act was justified under all of the circumstances of the case."

#### Failure to Maintain Business Records

- 27. Defendant is an admitted business owner of Hair Connection Plus.
- 28. Despite this, to date, Defendant has failed to even identify her interest, or that of her non-debtor spouse, as an owner, officer or director of at least three additional Business Entities, to wit: "Optimus Mortgage," "Coty Real Estate Group, Inc.," and "Saxxon & Associates Inc." and perhaps "BSM Kicks, Inc.".
- 29. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant has failed to keep or preserve any recorded information, including books, documents, records, and papers, relating to the receipts and disbursements related to any and all of the Business Entities.
- 30. Plaintiff alleges that because Defendant has failed to maintain and preserve recorded information relating to these receipts and disbursements, her financial condition and business transactions related to any and all of the Business Entities cannot be ascertained.
- 31. Plaintiff further alleges that the willful and continuing failure to maintain or preserve business records evidencing these receipts and disbursements is not justified under the circumstances presented in this case.

#### Failure to Maintain Personal Financial Records

32. Defendant is admittedly employed as a law enforcement officer for the Los Angeles Police Department. However, in both her initial and amended bankruptcy schedules and statements, Defendant has also failed to fully disclose all sources of prepetition income, including her income as a hairstylist/cosmetologist/Manager for Hair Connection Plus, as well as her belatedly-disclosed receipt of \$85,000.00 in "other income" in February 2015 from the Rives Trust.

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- 33. Plaintiff therefore alleges that Defendant has failed to keep or preserve any recorded information, including books, documents, records, and papers, relating to her personal finances including all sources of income.
- 34. Plaintiff further alleges that the failure to maintain or preserve such records evidencing Defendant's personal income sources is not justified under the circumstances.
- 35. Accordingly, Defendant's discharge should be denied as a consequence of failing to keep or preserve recorded information from which her financial condition or business transactions might be ascertained pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(3).

#### THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### [False Oath under 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(4)(A)]

- 36. Plaintiff hereby realleges and incorporates by this reference each and every allegation contained in paragraph 1 through 35, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- 37. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(4)(A), the Court shall not grant the debtor a discharge if "the debtor knowingly and fraudulently, in or in connection with the case–(A) made a false oath or account.
- 38. Under penalty of perjury, Defendant attested to the truth, accuracy and completeness of information contained in her bankruptcy petition and schedules, initial and amended, for the instant case by signing the voluntary petition, declaration concerning debtor's schedules, and declaration following the Statement of Financial Affairs.
- 39. Defendant's initial Schedule A/B, item 25 expressly listed "No" for "Trusts, equitable or future interests in property, and rights or powers exercisable for [Debtor's] benefit."
- 40. Defendant's amended Schedule A/B, item 25 belatedly disclosed Defendant's interest as a "Trustee but not a beneficiary under the Trust" while simultaneously admitting to her receipt of "approximately \$85,000 in 02/2015" from the Rives Trust.

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- 41. Similarly, while Defendant's initial Schedule A/B, item 1, lists her Lancaster Property, Defendant's amended Schedule A/B, item 1 added a "Burial Plot" valued at \$3,500.00.<sup>5</sup>
- 42. Defendant's initial Schedule A/B fails to list any bank account related to the Rives Trust, despite the Defendant's apparent signatory authority over several such accounts. Defendant's amended Schedule A/B increases the number of listed bank accounts from two to seven, but again none of these accounts are related to the Rives Trust. Instead, Defendant's amended SOFA, Part 9, item 23, "Identify Property You Hold or Control for Someone Else," was changed from "No" to at least four separate accounts: a personal checking and savings account valued at \$1,500.00, a "Money Market Account" valued at \$80,000.00 and a "Corporate Account" for BSM Kicks valued at \$10,000.00, wherein the \$91,500.00 "is all mother's." Further Defendant also added another Wells Fargo Bank account for the Rives Trust holding \$31,000.00 "left in house fund account."
- 43. Defendant's Statement of Financial Affairs, Part 11, item 27 failed to list any businesses in which Defendant owned or held an interest, or any connection to any such businesses. Defendant's amended SOFA, Part 11, item 27 identified only one such business, "Hair Connections Plus," reportedly "currently inactive."
- 44. However, the U.S. Trustee's investigation has uncovered a total of at least five (5) undisclosed Business Entities, wherein the Debtor and or her non-filing spouse were either officers or directors, including "Hair Connections Plus," "Optimus Mortgage," "Coty Real Estate Group, Inc.," and "Saxxon & Associates Inc." and perhaps "BSM Kicks, Inc."
- 45. Defendant's initial and amended Schedule A/B, item 33 both fail to list any "Claims against third parties, whether or not you have filed a lawsuit or made a demand for payment." However, the U.S. Trustee's investigation has uncovered at least two (2) pending lawsuits, LASC Case No. BC525376 and LASC Case No. BC651610—the latter, a personal injury suit seeking

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Plaintiff has further alleges that Defendant failed to disclose an ownership interest in and to real property in North Carolina through the Rives Trust, as well as in and to the Shenandoah Property.

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damages for a February 2015 car accident, filed by Defendant less than a week after commencing the instant bankruptcy case.

- 46. Finally, Defendant's initial and amended Schedule A/B, item 27 both fail to list any "Licenses, franchises and other general intangibles," overtly omitting Defendant's Cosmetologist license and a logically-related amount of income therefrom as a hairstylist/Manager in connection to the also-undisclosed "Hair Connections Plus" salon.
- 47. Therefore, Plaintiff alleges that Defendant knowingly and fraudulently made false oaths and accounts on her Schedules and statements relating to her actual assets, financial condition, and transfers, redoubling such false oaths during her oral testimony during the § 341(a) examinations to date in this case.
- 48. Accordingly, Defendant's discharge should be denied as a consequence of knowingly and fraudulently, in connection with the instant case, making a false oath or account.

#### FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### [Failure to Explain Satisfactorily Loss of Assets under 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(5)]

- 49. Plaintiff hereby realleges and incorporates by this reference each and every allegation contained in paragraph 1 through 48, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- 50. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(5), the Court shall not grant the debtor a discharge if "the debtor has failed to explain satisfactorily, before determination of denial of discharge under this paragraph, any loss of assets or deficiency of assets to meet the debtor's liabilities."
- 51. Plaintiff's investigation to date has revealed significant monetary or asset distributions made by Defendant as "Trustee" of the Rives Trust to or for the benefit of Defendant, her non-filing spouse, various of their Business Entities or insiders, following the passing of Bobbye J. Rives on September 14, 2014, totaling over \$85,000.00.
- 52. Despite prior requests for clarification from Plaintiff and the Trustee, to date, Defendant has essentially failed to clarify or otherwise explain why her initial and amended bankruptcy schedules do not reflect assets consistent with the apparent prepetition transfers made to or for the Defendant's benefit.

#### Case 2:17-ap-01487-RK Doc 4 Filed 09/28/17 Entered 09/28/17 16:02:21 Desc Main Document Page 19 of 21 1 53. Moreover, Defendant has failed to produce any business records or documents 2 which explain the scant testimony about how and why the funds and assets were apparently 3 dissipated in this manner. 54. 4 Therefore, Defendant has failed to explain satisfactorily, before determination of 5 denial of discharge, loss or deficiency of assets to meet her liabilities. 6 55. Accordingly, Defendant's discharge in the instant case should be denied as a 7 consequence of failing to explain satisfactorily, before determination of denial of discharge under 8 this paragraph, any loss of assets or deficiency of assets to meet the debtor's liabilities. 9 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows: ON ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF 10 11 That Debtor's discharge is denied under 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), and A. 12 (a)(5);13 В. For costs of suit; and 14 В. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. 15 Respectfully Submitted, DATE: September 27, 2017 UNITED STATES TRUSTEE 16 17 By: KENNETH G. LAU 18 Attorney for the United States Trustee 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

#### PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:

Office of the United States Trustee, 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1850, Los Angeles, California 90017

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (specify):

Summons And Notice Of Status Conference In Adversary Proceeding [LBR 7004-1]; Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet; Notice of Required Compliance with Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7026 and LBR 7026-1; Notice of Public Counsel's Debtor Assistance Project Hotline; Complaint To Deny Defendant's Discharge Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. §§ § 727(a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4) and (a)(5)

will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by EBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:

1. <u>TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF)</u>: Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (date) <u>09-28-17</u>, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

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